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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 30, 2005, please consider the following remarks. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 11-54, 56 and 57 are pending in the application. Of these claims, claims 1-7, 11-52, 54, 56 and 57 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 8 and 9 are allowed.

Claim 53 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen (U.S. 4,405,680) in view of George et al. (U.S. 5,516,573). Claim 53 reads in part as follows:

"53. An asphalt-based roofing material comprising:

a nonwoven mat of glass fibers saturated and coated with an asphalt-based coating, the coating including asphalt and from about 30% to about 75% filler by weight of the coating, the coating including a top portion covering the top of the mat having first properties, a mat portion saturating the mat having second properties, and a bottom portion covering the bottom of the mat having third properties, wherein one